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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM MURAKAMITHAT USG PREPARED CONSIDER SERIOUSLY PROPOSALS TO IMPORT LNG FROM USSR WHEN CONCRETE PROPOSALS PUT BEFORE USG FOR DECISION.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, SECRETARY SHULTZ SAID DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW QUOTE I HAVE REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE VARIOUS ENERGY PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY THE GAS PROJECTS, AND I THINK TRIED TO PUT FORWARD OUR VIEW OF THEM: NAMELY, THAT WHILE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF UNCERTAINTY, THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED, MANY ENGINEERING, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS TO BE WORKED OUT. WE NEVERTHELESS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL DOMESTIC ENERGY PICTURE IN THE US WHICH WE ARE WORKING ON, THINK

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THAT THE POSSIBILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET GAS
AND TRADE IN THAT AREA ARE PROMISING ENOUGH TO WARRANT
CONTINUED EXPLORATION OF THESE POSSIBILITIES AND THE
INVESTMENT OF EFFORT TO ANSWER SOME OF THE UNRESOLVED
QUESTIONS ABOUT JUST HOW THAT MIGHT PROCEED AND WHETHER
OR NOT IT IS INDEED A FEASIBLE THING AND WOULD BE MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. SO THERE IS NO CONCLUSIVE
ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, BUT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE
US A CONTINUING DESIRE TO EXPLORE FURTHER AND TRY TO

UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT ALL IS INVOLVED. UNQUOTE.

3. BEYOND THIS, USG HAS MADE NO DECISION ON MERITS ANY
PARTICULAR PROJECT, HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT TO FINANCE
AND HAS NOT DESIGNATED ANY PARTICULAR FIRM OR FIRMS
TO PURSUE PROJECTS. RUSH

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